

Halling Primary School Newsletter



Head Teacher's Message

Dear parents/ carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for your support the last couple of weeks. With the spread of the coronavirus nationally, working together to combat the virus is paramount. As a school, we have ensured that the guidance we have received from the DfE has been circulated to parents, carers and staff. I would like to reiterate that anyone that has any symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) - new continuous cough and/or high temperature, as well as colds (however mild), the advice is to stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. You do not need to call 111 to self-isolate.

Although the government advice is as explained above, as a school, we feel that extra measures should be in place to ensure that all members of our learning community are safe. Unfortunately, Mother's Day Afternoon Tea will have to be cancelled and currently the plan is for Father's Day Breakfast to be a Family Breakfast instead so that we can celebrate our wonderful parents/ carers and wider family too. In school, we will no longer be having whole school assemblies. I will touch base with each class at least twice a week to lead an assembly/ meet with the children. As a school, we will also continue to educate children about the coronavirus and ensure that children are washing their hands regularly. As I'm sure you would have noticed, there are alcohol gels in the entrance area, hall and around the school. Visitors must use them prior to entering the building and children and staff use them throughout the day.

As stated in my previous newsletter, I wanted to invite all parents in to see their children's books and year 6 parents to see their new classroom. At this point in time however, we will have to cancel and reschedule for next term; I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

I can also confirm that the PTA Quiz Night scheduled for the 27th March has also been cancelled. I will be in contact with the PTA to rearrange at a later stage.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel years 4 and 5's trip to Waterstones in Maidstone to buy books for their reading area. We will keep you updated about any other trips that have been planned.

I appreciate that the coronavirus has produced a high level of anxiety amongst parents but I can assure you that we are acting on the advice given and in some cases - as explained above - putting in our own preventative measures.

On another note, unfortunately there has been a problem with the kitchen today so children have not been able to have a hot meal but have been provided with a sandwich. I have been working tirelessly to ensure the situation is resolved and we should be able to provide school dinners as per usual tomorrow.

On a positive note, I absolutely love making 'Phone Call Fridays.' It is lovely to share the news that our children are showing our core values of compassion, integrity, thankfulness, respect and resilience. The children are also delighted to receive certificates. May I remind people to hand in their data collection sheet as soon as possible however as there are times whereby one of the numbers we have is no longer available and it is a requirement for schools to have two contact numbers for each pupil. If all data sheets can be returned by **Wednesday 18th March**, it would be very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful week and as always, any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Selmi

Head Teacher

Friday 13th March 2020

Class	Star of the week	Phone Call Friday
Skylarks	Riley for working hard in Maths and Read Write Inc	Dara for always being respectful to others and their property.
Swallows	Isla for a super effort in Read Write Inc	Isabella for showing integrity by telling the truth.
Owls	Layla for settling in nicely and become a great member of the class	Donnie for showing thankfulness and respect by taking care of and tidying the year 1 area without being asked.
Robins	Jax for persevering in writing	Jacob for showing compassion by looking after others when they are upset.
Puffins	Felix for showing excellent determination and enthusiasm for his learning	Ivy for showing compassion to others.
Kestrels	Williams for super time work in Maths	Morayo for showing integrity and respect.
Kingfishers	Chloe for a fantastic river poem	Paige for resilience in coming to school.
Goldfinches	Evie for an excellent river poem	Jessica for displaying resilience and persevering with handwriting when doing a final draft of her River poem.
Lapwings	Christopher for fantastic fraction work	Rebecca for having a positive attitude towards her learning, especially maths.
Nightingales	Amelia for excellent writing this term	Andy for showing integrity and making the right choices.
Swans		Katie for showing respect to peers and adults.
Ravens	Oliver for an excellent informal letter	Connie for displaying integrity. She is always an excellent role model. -
Wrens	Isla for working with others in a supportive way	Isabelle for showing resilience in swimming even when didn't feel 100%.



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